

EIOH Social Work and Dentistry Enlighten and Network with 300 Monroe County Providers

Networking is a great way to expand one's knowledge of community resources and preventive programs in Monroe County. Eastman Dental recently participated in the 4th Annual Monroe County Services Fair.

Eastman Dental was one of more than 45 programs spanning 25+ agencies there to help educate the 300 community service providers about the wide variety of programs available to assist children, individuals, and families who live in Monroe County.



“Some were surprised at the specialty services we offer, the many insurances we accept, and our various locations in the community,” said EIOH Social Worker Lenora Colaruotolo. “Many others were relieved to understand our ability to safely treat women who are pregnant and who are often turned away from receiving oral health care until after their baby is born.”

Colaruotolo was at the fair along with Dr. Lina Vega, EIOH Community Dentistry faculty, Dr. Merila Atarodi, Pediatric Dentistry resident, Elise Linke-Judge, outreach worker, and Shannon Congdon, Social Work intern. Together they spent the morning discussing oral health care with service providers from preventive service agencies and professionals from community agencies, including the Rochester City School District, Early Childhood Development, Monroe County Health

Department – Early Intervention; WIC; Nurse Family Partnership; Perinatal Home Visiting Program, Bivonia, Monroe County Community Care Pilot, Parents As Teachers, Incredible Years Parenting, RAMP, ABW, Better Days Ahead, RAPE Crisis, Baby Love, Planned Parenthood, Parent Partners of Monroe #1 BOCES, Strong Behavioral Health, Building Healthy Children.

They also distributed brochures including information about dental services and Eastman Dental clinic sites, visual aids, and complimentary toothpaste and toothbrushes.

Sponsored by the Monroe County Preventive Services Coalition, the Monroe County Health Department, and the Rochester City School District Early Childhood Department, the fair was held in the historic Stardust Ballroom at the Edgerton Community Center.

“It was rewarding to hear from agency and program staff about their personal and their client’s positive experiences at Eastman Dental,” Colaruotolo added, “along with their appreciation for Eastman Dental’s special emphasis on community service.”